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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members. I won't take a lot of time here, but I guess we all want to rise and maybe justify why we're voting a certain way we do. Unless you have a diversified body that represents everyone in a certain area of Nebraska, why, you know, it could go...it could be loaded, you might say. But I think many times on issues such as this, and there are very few of them, what's wrong with letting the people, you know, decide these? Not that I'm copping out in any manner, but I just think maybe this is one of those issues, two or three a year come along, let the people decide it. I would rather have the other side bring it to us rather than them taking it. (inaudible) this body on the ballot, the people probably should put on the ballot themselves, and I'd rather have it that way but, unfortunately, it's before us right now. But I think I probably will be advancing this and let the people...let the people decide it. It's one of those issues that there probably isn't any right or wrong. Good legislators in here, I can't even tell you now who's going to vote for it, who's not going to vote for it. It's one of those issues that just...it doesn't seem to be any right or wrong. Maybe that's not the right way to look at it, but that's currently the way I feel about it. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: At this point in time, we will move from LR 6CA to the motion introduction...for the introduction of the claims bill. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Connealy, as Chair of the Business and Labor Committee, would move for the introduction of the state claims bill, specifically Request 2025, by the Business and Labor Committee. (Legislative Journal page 637.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Connealy, you're recognized to open on your motion for the claims bill.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill comes with the annual claims. We need a 30-vote vote on this to allow us to introduce this bill. This is 2025, it comes every year, and